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THE FIRST TEN YEARS
The Evolution and Standardization
of the Victrola through 1916

Darrell Lehman

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issuing discs, ca. 1918, not 1915, they were called Aeolian-Vocalion, not Vocalion. The Vocalion label did not come into use until the early 1920's. P.27: The Columbia Phonograph Co. was founded in 1889, not 1887. P.30: Victor Emerson, founder of Emerson records, was formerly a very prominent official of Columbia, not Edison.) Such mistakes are probably attributable to reliance on secondary sources for background material--perhaps on Read & Welch's *Tinfoil to Stereo*, which contains a good many errors of detail--and do not detract from the main purpose of the book, however.

A word should be said about the physical appearance of the book which is outstanding. In Finland it is possible to obtain government funding for projects such as this, and the result is an extremely

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Question: I recall that in the November, 1976 issue of APM, you gave production figures for the outside horn Victors. Can you supply these for the inside horn Victrolas? **N.B., Little Rock**

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1906			506
1907			3,559
1908			4,317
1909	?		11,764
1910	?		21,508
1911	51,805		41,956
1912	136,542		49,224
1913	116,561	115,342	
1914	180,344	121,288	
1915	185,466	188,725	
1916	242,284	265,184	
1917	278,971	284,712	
1918	141,128	167,786	
1919	219,203	243,691	
1920	212,363	333,889	
1921	37,553	243,581	12,321
1922	56,493	150,940	138,267
1923	74,444	90,958	208,688
1924	95,939	84,992	166,277
1925	79,751	36,960	53,082
1926	47,890		46
1927	59,447		
1928	17,394		3
1929	4,355		3
1930	108		170

(Orthophonics not included)

professional job, including durable glossy covers, excellent illustrations (of labels & supplements) and a good quality binding. The cover is a blow-up photograph of a Victor Orthophonic label which is guaranteed to catch any collector's eye.

Studies In Scandinavian-American Discography I is recommended not only to the 3½ people (probably) in the U.S. who have a specific research interest in this field, but to anyone else who would like to broaden his knowledge of the early recording industry. It is a well written study which delivers much more than the title would indicate. *Studies In Scandinavian-American Discography I* is published by the Finnish Institute of Recorded Sound, Helsinki, and is available from Pekka Gronow, Pietarininkatu 12A21, 00140 Helsinki 14, Finland. Price not given but approximately \$5.00.

As the once-lowly Victrola has grown in popularity, many myths have circulated among collectors regarding the Victor Talking Machine Company's most famous product. This article is intended to organize some of the available information on Victrolas and to help the average collector to be more knowledgeable about the machines he owns.

The most prevalent myth is that the Victrola IV was the first Victor with an inside horn (See *From Tin Foil to Stereo*, p. 180). This is not so. The Victor Company introduced its first Victrola in the fall of 1906, and its floor-model configuration was cited in the September, 1906 issue of *Century Magazine* as "an ornament in any drawing room." Originally referred to as the "VTLA" model, a shortened form of "Victrola," it is commonly known as the Model XVI, a designation which it received in late 1907. It was not, however, the Victrola we know today. This first model (See *APM*, April, 1976), had a totally flat lid above a rather square mahogany cabinet and was designed and supplied by the cabinet maker Pooley, who later went on to furnish cabinets for Atwater Kent radios. This VTLA model had a curving section below the lid, above the sound doors, in the area containing the lid lock. It utilized all the cabinet for either the horn or record storage — no waste area on this cabinet! To the left and right of the sound doors were the record storage areas (for 10" and 12" records), as well as below the horn opening. It also had a fair sized drawer for needles, catalogs, and anything else one would want to store in a phonograph (back copies of *APM*?). The record storage areas were enclosed by "L-shaped" doors which extended to the top of the horn opening. This model was advertised in September, 1906 as selling for \$200 and was available in solid mahogany. It measured 48" high, 20" wide, 22" deep, and weighed 137 pounds. Officially announced to the trade in the first week of August, it was later re-designed, in September, 1907, by W. B. Stevenson of Victor's own staff, who was responsible for many of the future models.

The cabinet style we know best was introduced in 1908. In the April issue of *McClure's Magazine*, it was described as "all the refined entertainment which only the Victor can supply, in a new and elegant setting." This Model XVI had the familiar hump on the top and was now embellished with full-length carved moldings on both

corners of the front. It also had some decorative carving around the area containing the lock for the top. It retained the "L" doors of the earlier model as well as the abundant record storage space and the storage drawer. It had added, however, a flat tray below the horn opening which could be pulled out to support a record or album. Like the earlier VTLA model, it had no slats across the horn opening which was simply a large, disappearing hole. This Model XVI sold for \$200 and was available with "all metal parts heavily gold-plated", except for the rim of the turntable. By November 1908, this model was available in quartered oak or mahogany for \$200 and in circassian walnut for \$250. A special Moorish Marquetry model was announced to the trade on October 12, 1909 at \$750.

During this same period, there was available a Victrola XX at the "modest" price of \$300, which was announced to the trade on February 14, 1908. It does not appear to have made a favorable impression on the buying public as it was not mentioned after February 1909. It was, for all practical purposes, a rather gaudy version of the Model XVI. The Model XX was made from a different kind of mahogany, referred to as "selected Laguna mahogany." The ornamental carving around the lock area of the top of the cabinet body is gone, but it was replaced by ornate carvings on the corners of the lid, the corners of the curved lock area, and the tops of the front side moldings. There was also an ornate carving on the front below the pull-out tray. The four doors are "V panelled with beautifully matched wood" and the lower portion of the "L" doors had a carved molding on the front of them. The door pulls themselves have been embellished with carvings also. It appears to have been an early attempt at a period piece, having been advertised as a "Louis XV design." It was rather unsuccessful as it disappeared from the price lists by early 1909.

In the fall of 1909, a new cabinet style was advertised with a price tag of \$125. Since the only other available model was priced at \$200 you could now save \$75! However, you had to furnish your own stand and/or record storage space as this new Model XII was a *table* model! Compared to the ornate, short-lived Model XX, it was quite a simple machine. The lid was the familiar hump. The front and sides were flat and straight, and the corners

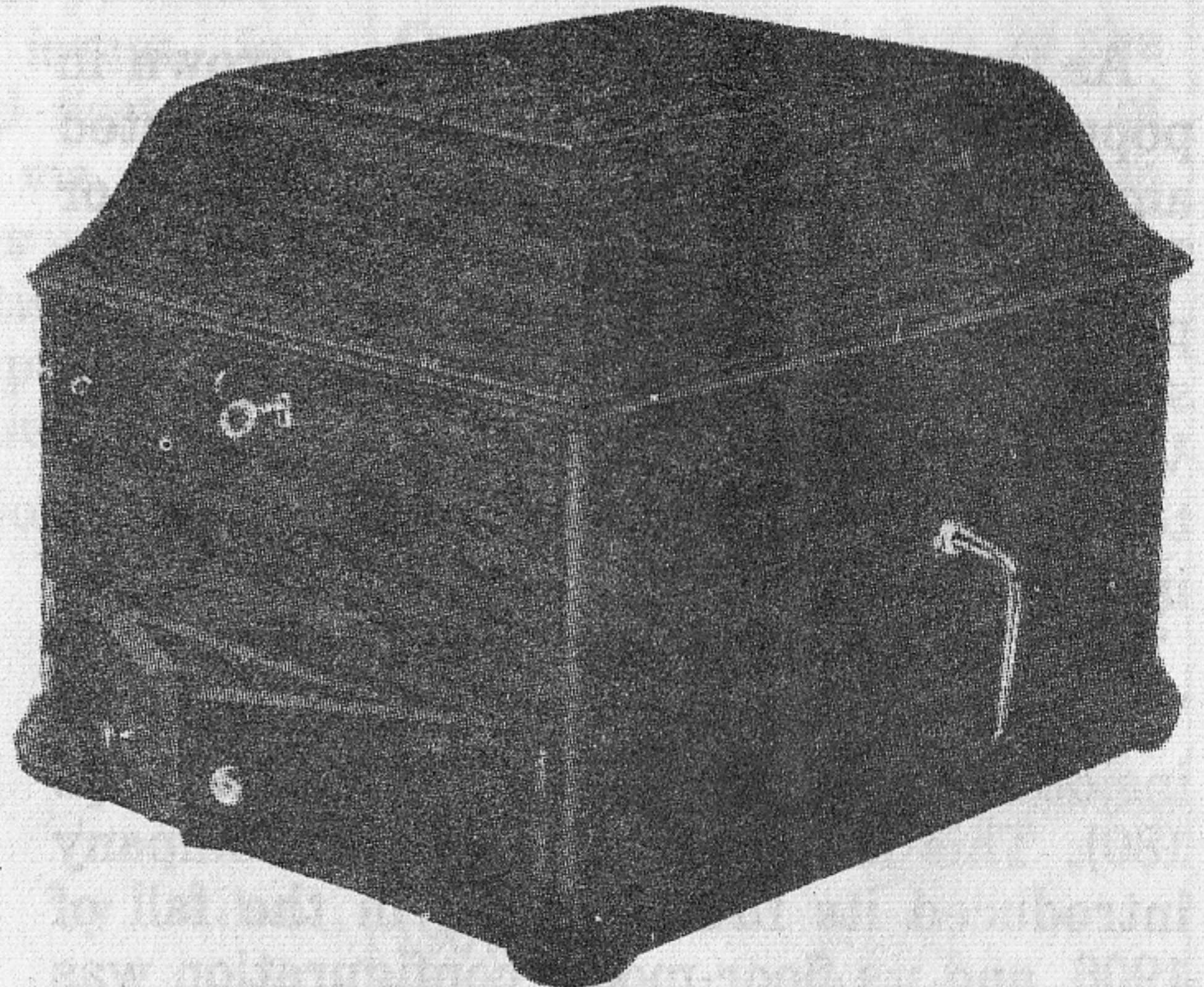
were rounded with a slight "column look." The base was a simple two-level, concave-groove type base. It had a key hole in the front to lock the lid, but there were no carvings to be found. The distinctive feature of the cabinet definitely was the size of the sound-doors. They were quite tiny in comparison to later table models and occupied only about one-third of the cabinet front below the lid. The inside horn did have slats across the opening to deflect the sound, apparently the first model to do so. It is surprising that any sound at all was obtained from such a relatively small opening. The machine was available only in "Figured" mahogany, the exposed metal parts were gold-plated. It had been officially announced to the trade on June 8, 1909.

A carving swap was made in the spring of 1910. The Model XVI became a little plainer and the Model XII became a little ornate. The XVI gave up the carving around the key-hole area and had only a concave strip approximately 4" wide on all four sides. The Model XII not only added the ornate carving to the area below the lid which contained the key hole, but it added 4 strips of molding to the front and each side to give them a panelled inset look. The slight corner columns were enlarged and circular grooves added to the tops and bottoms, along with slightly enlarged bases. This model was still available only in mahogany for \$125.

In the fall of 1910 the Victor Victrola line was doubled! However, a leap from 2 to 4 models isn't that much of an increase. Three of these four models were new, since the Victrola XII was dropped from the line. By the Christmas of 1910, the public could choose among a Victor-Victrola X, XI, XIV, or an XVI, and anywhere from \$75 to \$250. Incidentally, the "VV" designation should not be interpreted as a Roman numeral -- the initials simply stood for "Victor-Victrola."

The Model XII, even though discontinued as an individual model, gave its design to both the X and the XI. Both were table models, both were available in mahogany or oak, and both were somewhat plainer than the XII.

The Victrola X had squared corners, flat front and sides, but retained the strip of ornamental carving around the key hole. While the XVI and the XII originally had this carving, it was of a *circular* design. The carving on the X consisted of a series of



Victrola XII

Mahogany

Price \$125

The Victrola represents the greatest advance made in any musical instrument since the Victor was invented.

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Dimensions: Height, 15 $\frac{7}{8}$ inches; width, 17 $\frac{5}{8}$ inches; depth, 21 $\frac{1}{6}$ inches.

Weight: Unboxed, 50 pounds.

rectangles intertwined with each other. Unlike the XVI and the XII, the X had its crank hole quite close to the front edge of the machine. In addition, the sound doors now occupied most of the front of the cabinet. As with all models of this period, it had a lock for the top. It was "bottom of the line" in that it sold for only \$75.

The Model XI, the second table model, sold for \$100. It had no strip of carving but retained the strips of moldings on the front and sides. The strips were placed an inch or two from the four edges and gave the machine an inset-panelled look. The crank on the XI was more to the middle of the side, and the key hole was in the middle of the front, just below the upper strip of molding.

The musical consumer could, by Christmas 1910, choose between two upright, or floor models. The Model XVI was still available as before, but now a Victrola XIV

was available in mahogany or oak for \$150. The Model XIV was somewhat shorter but slightly wider than the XVI and had no carvings along the front corners. Instead of shelves for albums, it came equipped with record racks. It did not have the "L" doors of the XVI but had two upper doors for sound and two lower doors for the record racks. The inside horn extended the full width of the phonograph. (see front cover)

Never had the phonograph buying public had such a variety to choose from. At the end of a decade of existence (1901-1911), the Victor Talking Machine Co. now offered four models of the Victor-Victrola, "the first and only instrument of its kind . . . the greatest musical instrument the world has ever known" according to the December 1910 issue of *Scribner's*.

By Christmas of 1911 the choices were even greater since the Victrola line had grown to eight models. In the summer of 1911 the Model IX was introduced, having been announced to the trade on April 4, 1911. It was a table model, slightly shorter and narrower than the X or XI. It also had the crank hole well towards the front of the machine. It had no carvings, only a strip of molding an inch or so above the sound doors. It was the first model to come without a lock. The \$75 Model X was now "middle-of-the-table-model-line" since the new Victrola IX sold for \$50 in mahogany or oak.

But finally in October of 1911 came the machine for the common man! A \$15 Victrola with a guarantee of "the same high quality and standard of excellence so well established and recognized in all products of the Victor Company" (thus saith the October 1911 issue of *McClure's Magazine*). Now cometh forth the Victrola IV, a small table model in oak with plain lines, a simple convex base, two sound doors, and no top. Announced to the trade in August, it was a machine which anyone could afford. As the December 1911 *Review of Reviews Magazine* said: "With a Victor-Victrola as low as \$15 . . . why should you longer deny yourself the pleasure that comes from their possession?"

And in November 1911, the Victor-Victrola VI and VIII were introduced to bring the line to its full strength of eight different models. The model VI was simply a large version of the Model IV. The only difference was in their bases — the IV base was convex (outward slope), while the VI was concave with an inward groove. The VI



Victrola XI,
\$100.

Courtesy
Vestal Press

sold for \$25 and the first one was shipped on October 16, 1911.

The Victrola VIII was also a table model, but with a lid. It was slightly smaller than the IX with no carvings or moldings - only a simple concave base. Its crank was also located toward the front edge of the machine and it had no lock for the top. It sold for \$45, although in August, it had been announced to the trade at \$40; the first one had been shipped September 29, 1911. All three new models, the IV, the VI, and the VIII were available only in oak. Internal Company figures which enumerate the various table models begin only in 1911, perhaps revealing the new importance Victor assigned to them (see chart).

And so by Christmas of 1911, the Victrola line had grown to eight models. They were available from the Model IV at \$15 to the Model XVI in circassian walnut at \$250.

In the fall of 1912, the standardizing changes began with the introduction of four new styles of existing models. The Model X and XI were changed from table models to floor models, or uprights, and the existing uprights were embellished and modified.

The Model X lost not only its lock and key hole, but also its strip of carving around the upper edge of the cabinet. In return for this loss, it was given four gracefully curving legs and a shelf near the bottom of these legs. Its crank was moved to the middle of the side, but through all of this it retained its \$75 price tag. It became what has been called the "open-sided" Model X.

The Victrola XI, formerly a table model, joined the ranks of the uprights. It gave up its strips of moldings and was given four doors and slightly carved front corner columns. It retained not only its key hole,

but its \$100 price tag also. This machine, according to Victor, became their most popular Victrola, selling approximately one million through the years.

The only change to the Model XIV was the addition of carved front corner columns.

The Model XVI, the original Victor-Victrola, was also modified. In keeping with the rest of the line, the horn opening was now extended the full width of the machine. This necessitated the deletion of the original "L" shaped doors and the pull-out tray. It was still available in mahogany or oak for \$200 or in circassian walnut for \$250, prices mirrored by Edison's Amberola I, introduced in December 1909.

And so by Christmas of 1912, the Victor-Victrola line had changed quite visibly. In one year the line had gone from six table models and two uprights to four table models and four uprights. This alone was not such a drastic change, except for the fact that each model was no longer an individual. In the 1912 line, there were some machines with carvings, some with moldings, some with corner columns, and some without. Each model, up to now, had

its own individuality. Each model, while being similar to the others, had a quality, a look, that none of the others had. Now with one exception, each model looked like a larger link in the chain; from the lidless table model to the massive upright, they appeared as a growing version of the same small child. Even the open-sided Model X fit into the line somewhat like a gawky teenager. Unfortunately, it too would lose its uniqueness.

By the summer of 1913 the crank hole of the Model IX was moved to the middle of the side, back from its original forward position.

In October 1913, the Victrola X changed for the third and final time. Its open sides were closed in and doors were put on the record storage area below the horn. It still sold for \$75 in oak or mahogany.

The Victrola line stayed fairly constant until the fall of 1915. In September of 1915, Models XVII and XVIII were introduced to the public, as well as electric motor options. The Victrola XVI retained the same cabinet as in previous years, but was now available with an electric motor. [Ed. Note. I have a



Victrola IX
(Courtesy Royal Scottish Museum)

parts brochure, dated Jan. 1, 1915, for an electric-drive XVI, and it may have been available earlier]. The electric model in oak or mahogany sold for \$250 while the circassian or American walnut models sold for \$300.

The Victrola XVII was slightly shorter and narrower than the XVI, but it had what was referred to as "swell front and sides." The front and sides were designed with a curving bulge to each of them which gave the cabinet a swelled or "puffy" appearance. The Model XVII also had strips of moldings around the edges of the front and sides which made it appear slightly more ornate. This model was available in mahogany or oak for \$250 or American walnut for \$300. With an electric motor, the mahogany or oak models jumped to \$300 and the American walnut sold for \$350.

The Victrola XVIII was slightly larger than the XVII, but still smaller than the XVI. It too had the swelling appearance due to its curved sides, but also had decorative moldings on the doors and each side which gave these areas a panelled, or inset look. The wood in the doors was put together in such a fashion that the grain ran in a downward diagonal direction towards the bottom middle, giving it a "V" effect. It was available in mahogany for \$300 and American walnut or circassian walnut for \$350. An electric motor could be obtained in the mahogany model for a total of \$350 or in the walnut models for \$400. All three models - the XVI, XVII, and XVIII - were equipped with gold plating on most metal parts.

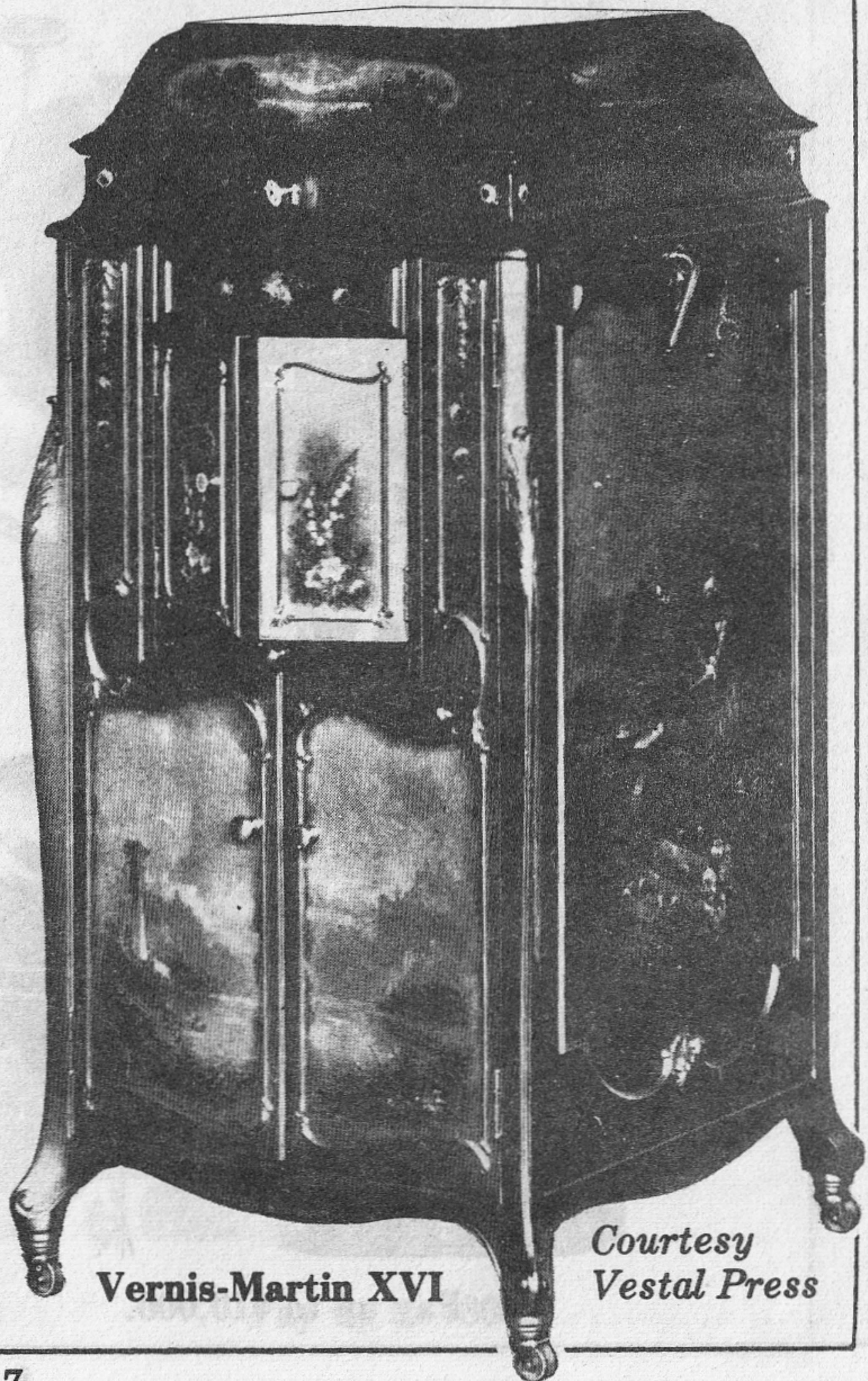
The first decade of life for the Victor-Victrola came to an end appropriately with a line of 10 models. The original VTLA, or XVI, was still priced at \$200 and had only two major modifications. From this beginning had sprung seven different table models and eight different floor models.

There is yet another version of the Victor-Victrola which has not been mentioned. It appeared at least as early as the fall of 1910 and was still available as late as the fall of 1916. It sold for \$400 and became available with an electric motor in the fall of 1915 for \$450. This Victrola was the Model XVI with a Vernis-Martin finish. This was a "custom" type finish which was usually done to a standard cabinet. It has a lacquered background, usually black or another deep, rich color such as gold, with paintings on the front and sides. (Vernis is simply French for varnish, and Martin was a furniture maker during the reign of Louis

XV). The paintings were also done inside the doors and lid. Some machines were also furnished with a customized ornate grille which fit into the particular motif of the paintings. These paintings were done by hand and displayed an oriental or pastoral scene. It is rumored, but not substantiated, that the Vernis-Martin finish was available on the Victrola XIV also. The Douglas Phonograph Company had apparently pioneered this method, and their attractive design, manufactured by them, can be seen in the Jan.-Feb., 1976 issue of APM.

And so close the first ten years of life for the noble Victrola - a life of change, growth, and uniqueness. It changed the way Americans looked and listened to their erst-while talking machines. Public taste, so we are told, demanded the Victrola and public taste, everchanging as it is, had moved on to new areas of fascination. But the Victor-Victrola survives as a symbol of that remarkable era, and is rising once more, this time as an important new interest for collectors. □

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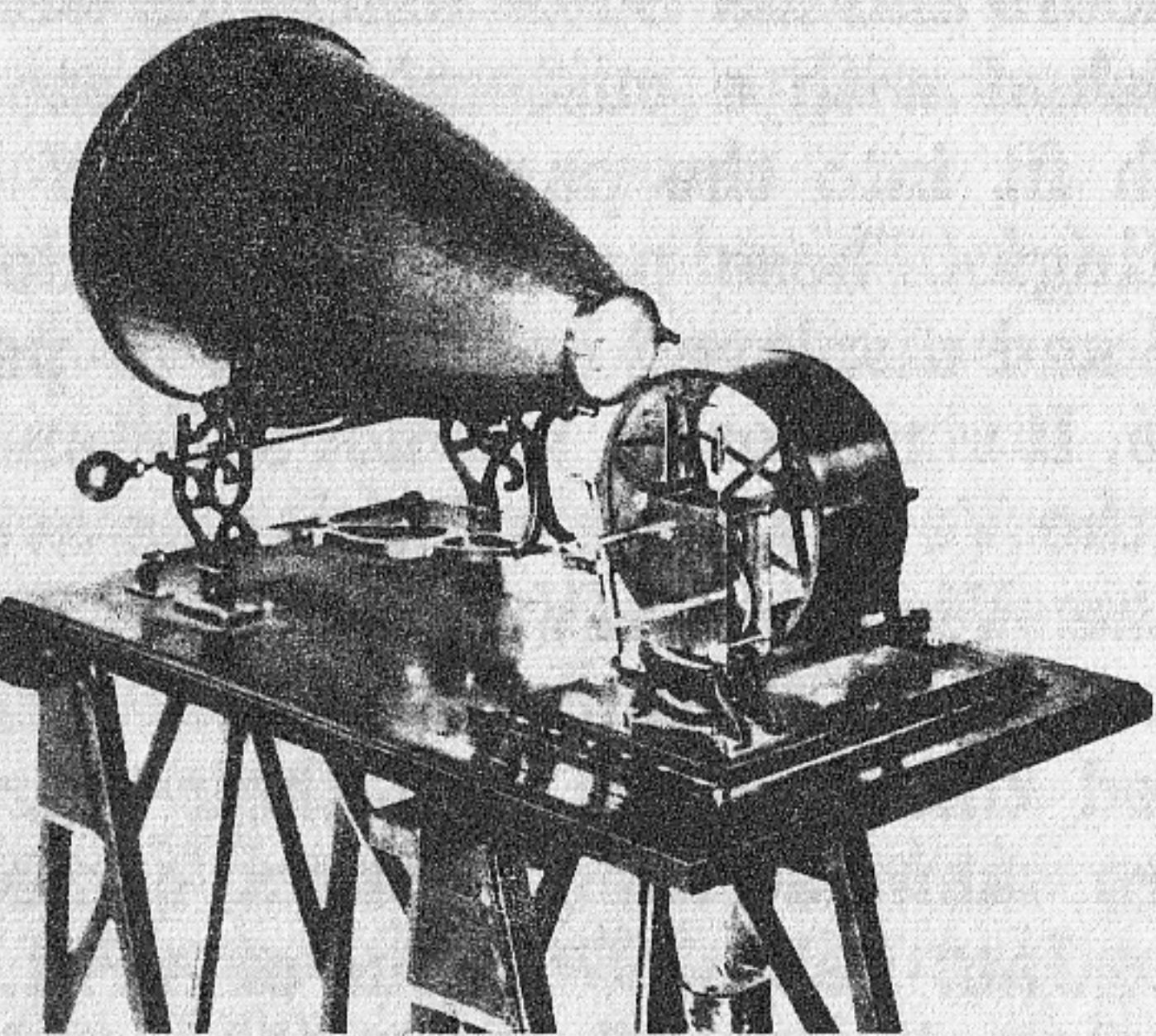


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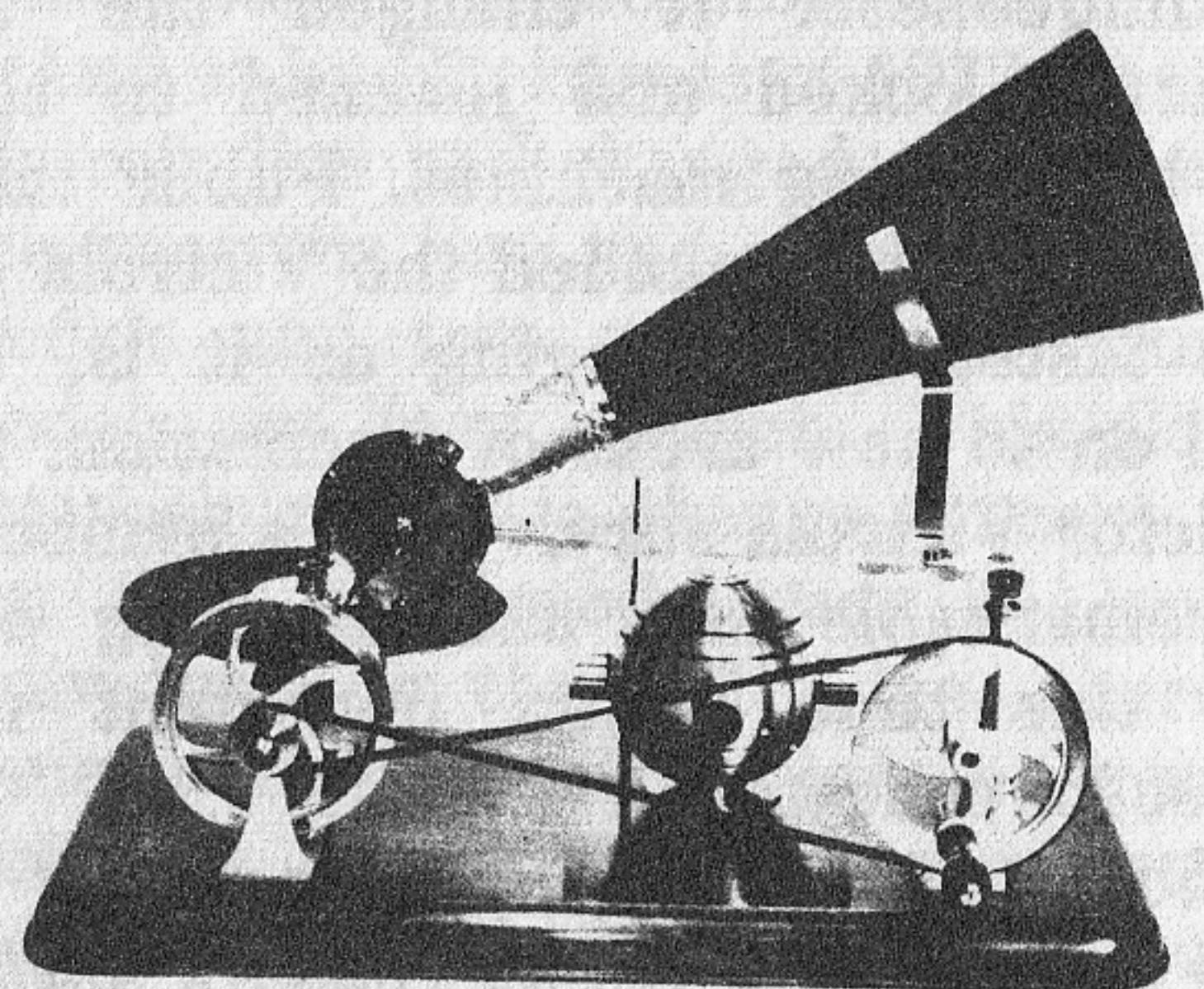
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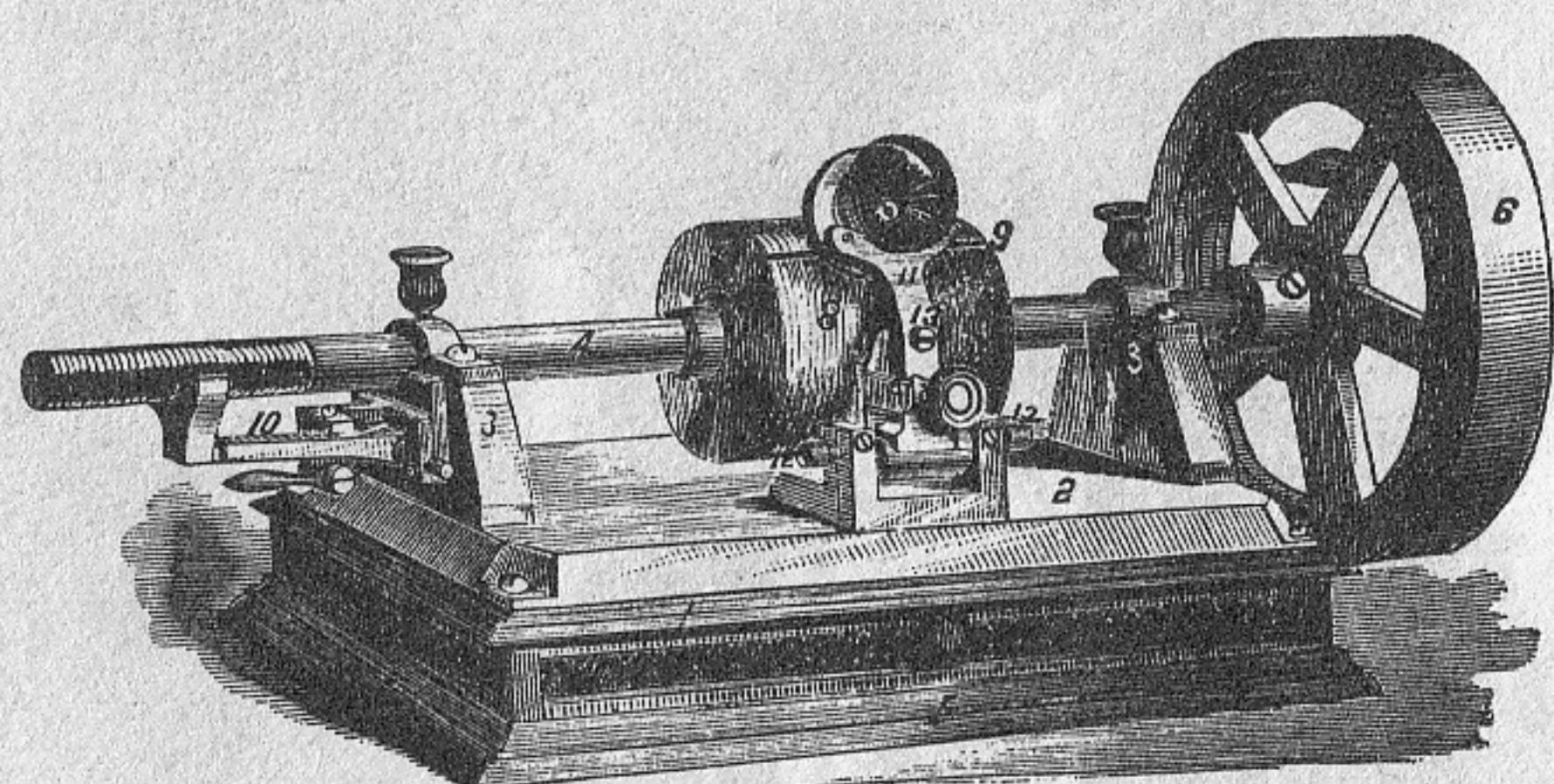
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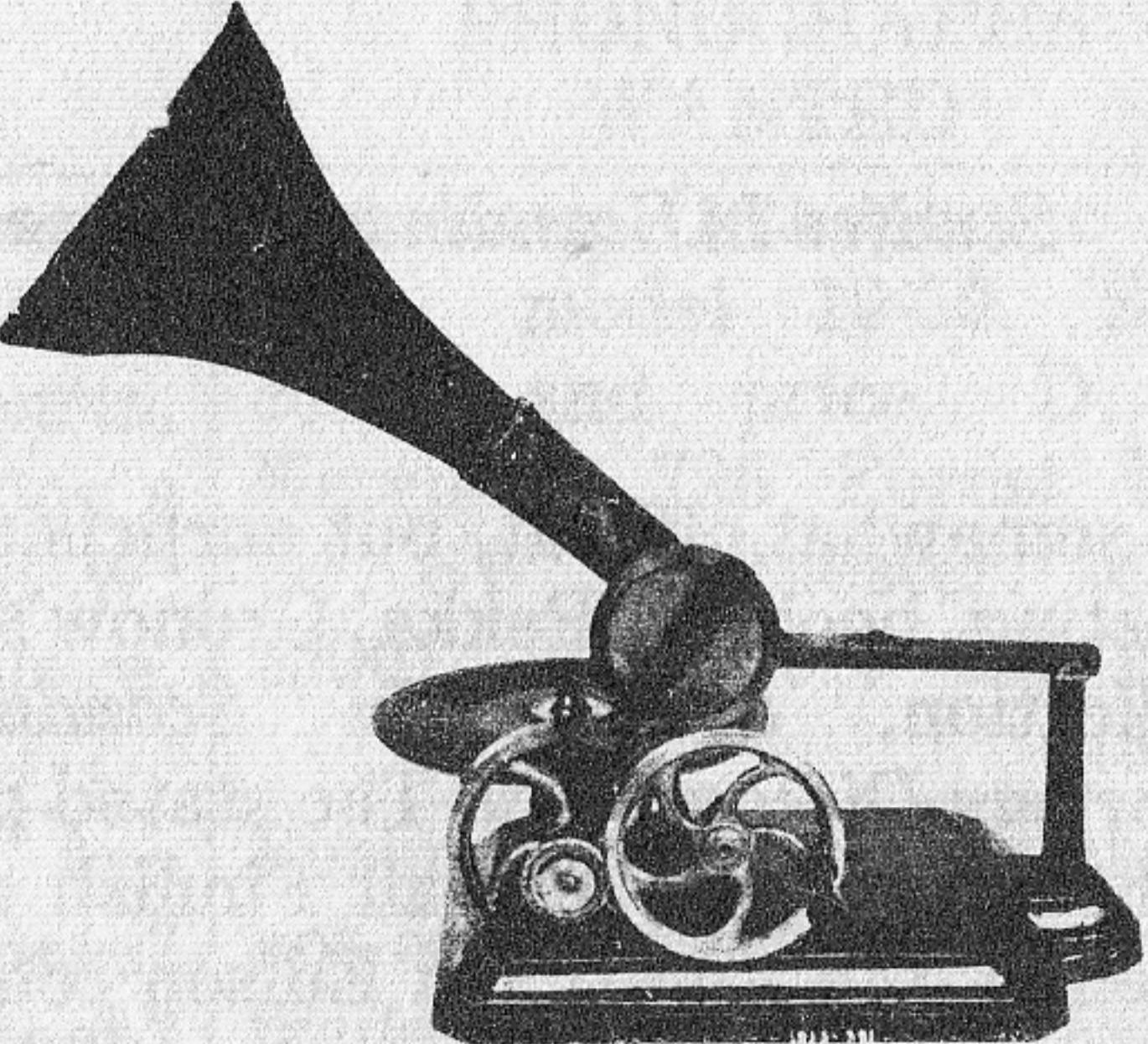
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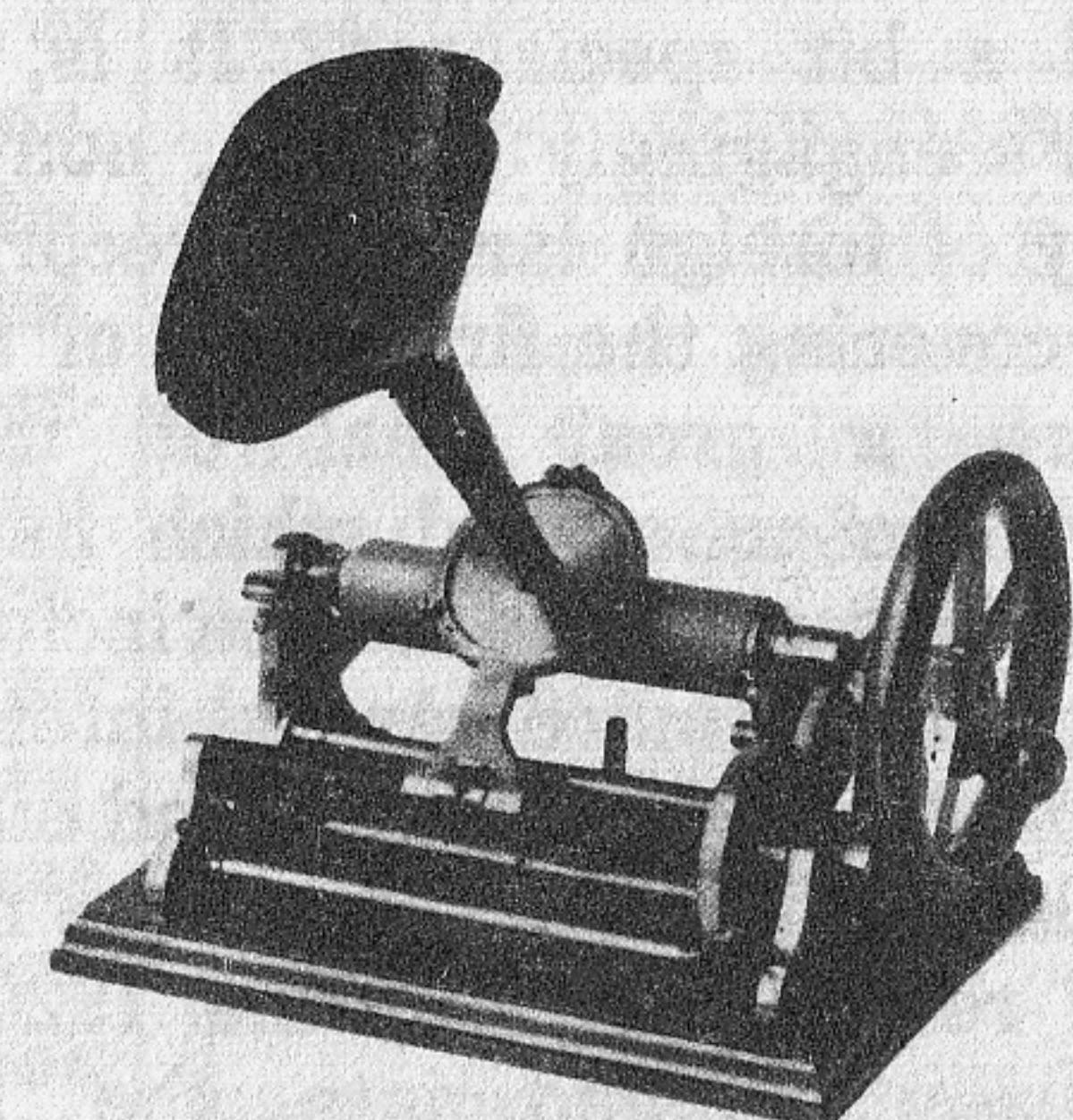
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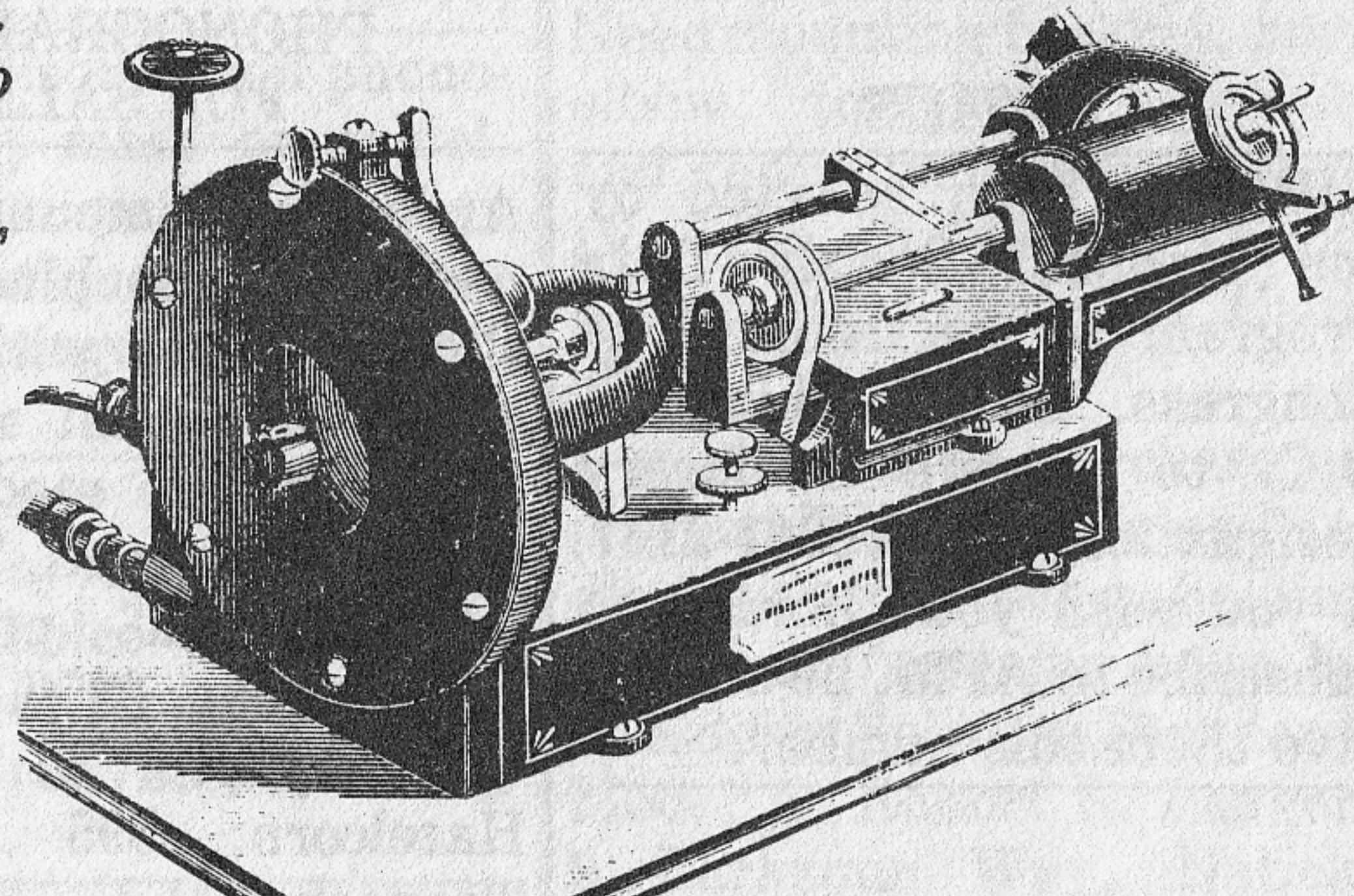
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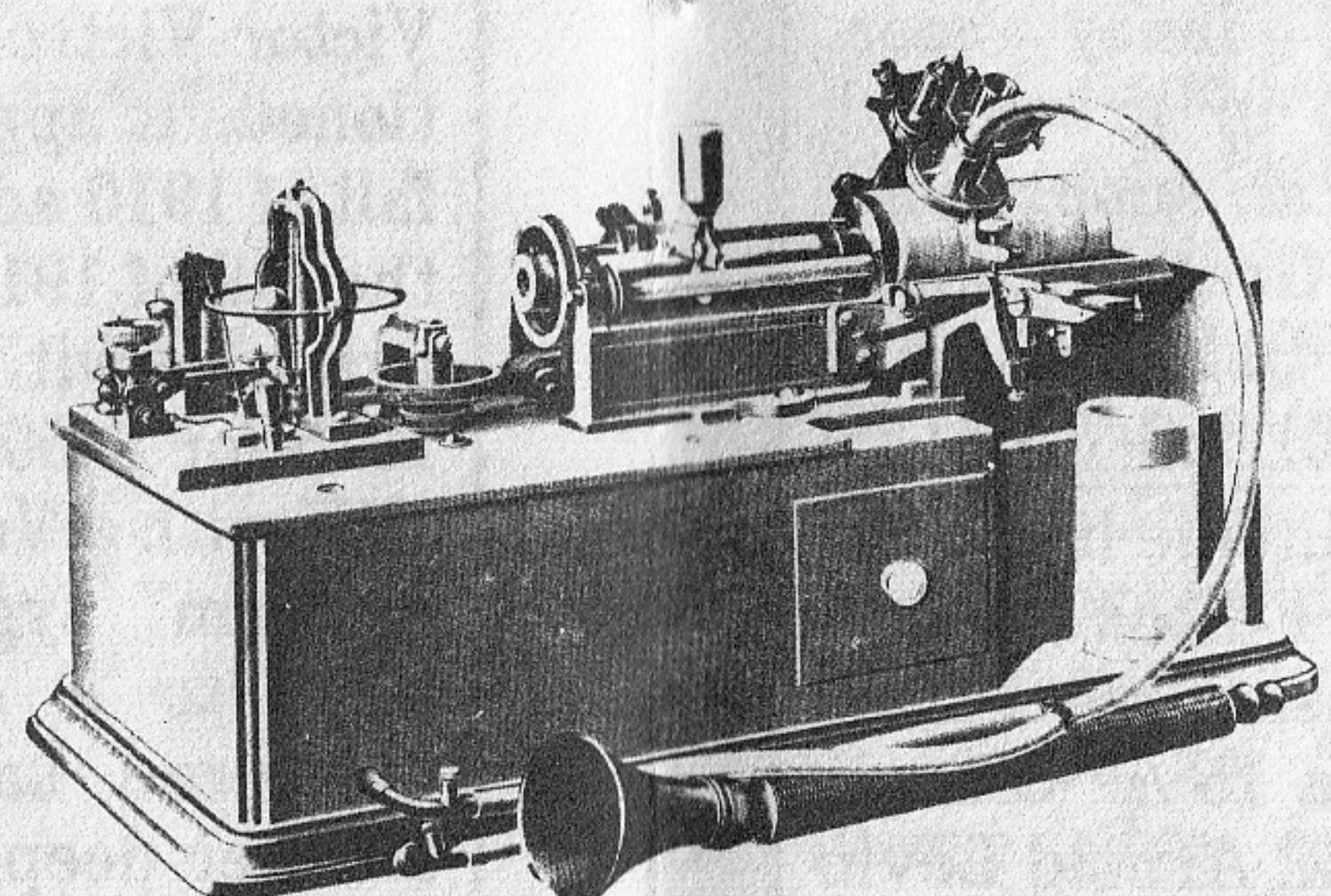


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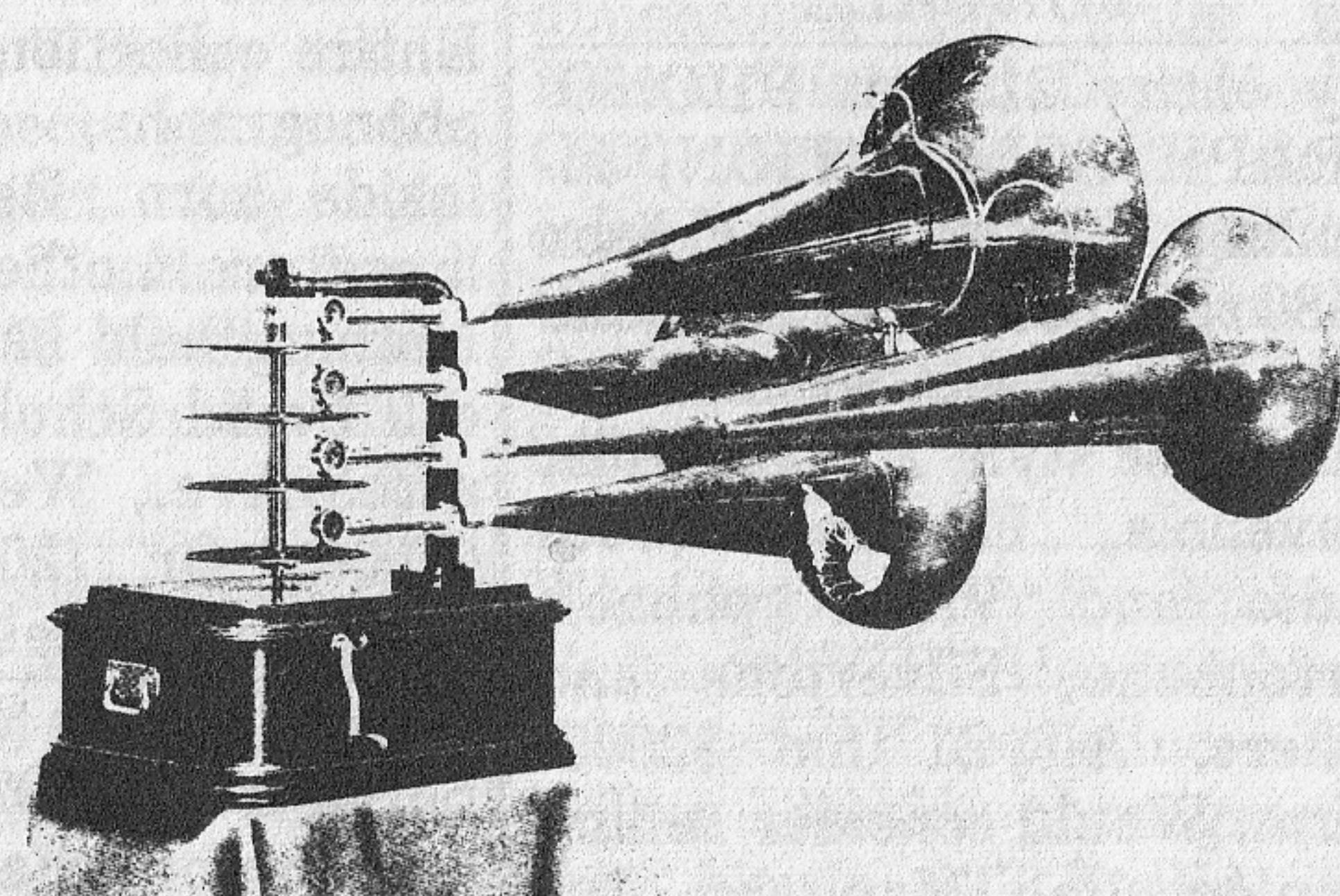


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BOOK REVIEW

Studies In Scandinavian-American Discography, I, by Pekka Gronow, 112pp.

Tim Brooks

A somewhat offbeat, but surprisingly interesting book is Pekka Gronow's latest publication, *Studies In Scandinavian-American Discography*. The stated purpose of the book is "to list all Finnish records issued by the Victor and Edison companies in the U.S.A., as well as the total known Scandinavian output of Odeon/Okeh, Brunswick, Vocalion, and some minor labels." Sound a bit specialized? It is, but the author's engagingly written, non-technical history of foreign language records in the U.S., covering the first third of the book, contains a great deal of interesting information on a field which had always been a mystery to me. It also includes some information of more general interest, such as a simplified explanation (and diagram) of the relationship between various major and minor record labels of the 1920's which eventually merged into the American Record Corp. (ARC) in the 1930's, illustra-

tions of numerous label types, a chart showing *all* of Victor's catalog series (now when you hear of a Victor numbered in the 42000's, you'll know what it is!), etc.

Foreign language records have generally gotten short shrift from modern day collectors, even though they were a very large and important part of the record business in the early 1900's. You don't have to know anything about foreign languages or repertoire to read and understand this, however, as it is clearly written, for the layman. For the researcher, the author has also carefully documented all of his sources.

Mr. Gronow is a careful and thorough researcher, and the level of accuracy in this work appears to generally be quite high. There are a few gaffs, inevitably, not all of an inconsequential nature. (P.25: The Aeolian Co. at first manufactured only phonographs, not records. When it began

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